

SEVERAL LETTERS

Of great Consequence
INTERCEPTED

BY

Colonel *Milton*, neer *Ruthyn*

Milton

IN

VVALES,

Concerning *Irish* Forces to be brought into
England, and other matters of great consequence.

Together with a LETTER sent out of
Ireland, to Mr. *Pierrepont* a Member of the House
of Commons, concerning the Passage, Imprisonment,
and Enlargement of the Earl of *Glamorgan*:

All which were Read in the House of
COMMONS.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That
these Letters be forthwith Printed and Published.

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honorable
House of Commons, and are to be sold at his Shop at the
signe of the Golden Dragon in Fleetstreet, neer
the Inner-Temple. Feb. 17. 1645.



 To the Honorable *William Lenthall* Esq;,
 Speaker in the House of Commons.

S I R,



Acknowledge with all humble thankfulness, the favour of the Honourable House of Commons, in trusting me with your Service in these parts, and hold it my duty, not only to perform that trust to the uttermost of my power in action, but also upon all occasions to represent unto you the state of the Affairs here; in pursuance whereof, I have now dispatched Mr. *Fogg* my Chaplain with some Letters which I met withal here, who also can acquaint you with the cause and particular occurrences since my coming hither, and will readily return unto me what further Commands you shall please to lay upon me. The main end of my coming hither was, to finde out the Lord *St. Pauls* Forces, and to prevent his conjunction with the Lord *Ashley*; but perceiving him to decline me, and to retreat to *Farnest*, being a Pass into *Carnarvanshire*, where I am credibly informed he is now with his Forces: I have chosen rather to stay here, then to advance any further toward him, he being Master of that Pass, and so may secure himself: If I should march up to him, my being here I hope will keep him from either joyning with *Ashley*, or any way annoy the Leaguer before *Chester*; and withal, I am certainly informed that this Castle is in a low condition, wanting both Ammunition and Fewel. The Governour before my coming hither, being gone to *Conway* for a supply of Powder, hoping that in case I be not called away upon other occasions toward *Chester*, unto which all my designs shall be subservient. I hope by Gods blessing not to make any long work of it.

Your humble servant

Ruthin, 28. of Jan. 1645.

Tho. Milton.

For His Highnesse the Duke of York.

May it please your Highnesse,

HAVING received intelligence of your being at *Worcester*, and a dispatch now going to His Majesty, I hold it my duty to acquaint Your Highnesse with a report brought hither, or perhaps framed here, That your intention is to come into this Kingdom, a thing so unprobable, that I can give no credit unto it; yet I hold it my duty as well to His Majesty as Your Highnesse, to inform you, That as yet there is no Peace concluded here, and that thorough an accident lately fallen out (wherein the Earl of *Glamorgan* hath a part) His Majesties Affairs here, and all His Servants, are not only upon very great uncertainty, but in apparant and continual danger of surprize and distresse, as well by the *Irish* as by the Covenanters in the North, and other parts of this Kingdom, all which is now advertised to His Majesty; and therefore if any such intention of Your Highnesse coming into this Kingdom should be (which I take to be impossible) I humbly offer, whether Your Highnesse may not hold it fit to expect His Majesties further pleasure, which He may declare upon the knowledge He will receive of the state of Things here, by the dispatch that goes herewith before any such dangerous adventure of Your Highnesse Person, as You must in such case undergo in Your coming, and during Your Highnesse abode here. I humbly beseech Your Highnesse to pardon the impertinence of this first addresse to Your Highnesse from

*His Majesties Castle
of Dublin, the 19. of
Jan. 1645.*

Your Highnesse most faithful
and most humble Servant
Ormond.

To

To his much honoured and worthy friend
Sir *John Wats* Knight, Governour of *Cherb Castle*.

Noble Governour,

I Thank you for this, and all other courtesies; be pleased to read; and then to Seal this inclosed, and you shall thereby understand, all I am able to say of this great businesse, which God Almighty prosper.

Col. Butler, who will be with you at or before this Letter, will import all the News of *Ireland*: He is a servant in ordinary of the Queens. And so beseeching God to blesse you, I remain, Noble Governour,

Conway, 25. of Jan.
1645.

Your affectionate friend
and servant, *Jo. Eborac.*

To the Right Worshipful, his worthy Friend,
Master Doctor *Lloyd Warden of Rushin*.

MAster Doctor, I thank you for your Letter, and will satisfie the Bearer: And I beseech you to return these Letters to the Noble Governour, The Duke of *York*, to be sent him, as soon as may well be; for in *Ireland* they will not be gain-said, but that he is at *Ludlow*. The Boat stayeth. I thank you good Doctor, and am

Conway, 25. of Jan. 1645.

Your affectionate friend,
Jo. Eborac.

To the Right Honorable the Lord *Ashley*.

Most noble Lord,

YOur Lordships Letter of the 12. of *January*, I received late at night, the 24 of the same moneth. I have communicated to the Lord *Byron*, the Lord Marquesse of *Ormond*

his Letter of the 12. of *Decemb.* and by this time (not sooner) the Lord *Byrons* Answer 'is at *Dublin*, which I sent by his Lordships Chaplain. It implied some fears of holding our *Chester*, thus long: Col. *Butler* tells me even now, that the men and shipping are still ready in *Ireland*, though retarded hitherto by reason of this distraction; which sithence Tuesday last, is so composed, that the Earl of *Glanmorgan* is out upon Bayl of six or eight Noble men, whereof the Lord Marquess of *Clenrickard* is one. From the Lord Lieutenant I have received no Answer in writing as yet (though my Letters to his Excellency were many sithence the first of *Fannary*) nor from the Lord *Digby* any more to the purpose, then this enclosed.

There is, Noble Lord, no relyings upon these *Irish* Forces for this Service, though if they come, they shall be carefully transposed to such a Rendezvouz, as I shall hear is most fitting for the passage of your Lordships Army: And for that end, your Lordship shall surely be punctually informed of their landing, and condition.

In the mean time, it is fit your Lordship should understand, that under Colonel *Gilbert Byron*, the Lord of *St. Paul* is in these parts in the head of 600 (as he saith) but I beleieve of 500 Horse and Foot, good men and well Armed, to be directed and imployed by your Lordship. Next that, that Lieut. Col. *Roger Morton* is landed with a peece of a Regiment (some 160 as Col. *Butler* tells me) of the Lord *Digbys* rais'd in *Ireland* of *English*, and some *Lorainneses*, and he will be able to make it up 200 upon his own credit (a Commissioner of *Array* and *Peace* in this County) and will be, after a day or two his refreshment, at your Lordships dispose.

I conceive your Lordship will receive better Information then I can give you, of the Forces that our Garrisons are able to afford, from the worthy Governour of *Cherb.* But I have it from good and knowing hands, that the Armed and Fighting

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Fighting men in *Chester* are above 4000, whereof many may issue forth. I pray God heartily (as I have cause) to bless and prosper your Lordships honourable designe: and desire your Lordship to esteem of me, as of one, who hath long loved your Lordship, and may truly write my self,

Conway, this 25. of
January, 1645.

Your Lordships most affectionate
and humble servant, *Iob. Eboras.*

I have imported your Lordships Letter, and Sir *John Wats* to Col. *Gilbert Byron*, to be sent to *Chester*.

May is please your Grace,

I Give you very many humble thanks for your obliging Letter by Master *Moor*: I have likewise sent yours to the Marquesse of *Ormond*; and I am glad to finde there, that you do not take the Alarm at my Lord of *Glamorgans* commitment so hot, as upon it to despair of the relief of *Chester*; which, though it hath been somewhat retarded by it, yet I make little question now, but it will go on speedily and effectually: And of this I desire you to certifie my L. *Byron*,

Dublin, the 21. of Jan.
1645.

Your Graces most affectionate
humble servant, *George Digby.*

For the Honourable *William Pierpoint* Esquire.

Honourable Sir,

I Send you herewith another copy of the Articles taken in the Bishop of *Tuam*'s Pocket, because we finde that many of our Letters do miscarry; and we are not in case to send expresse till the Ship with the Money come to us: Her stay is a very great prejudice to the Service; for if she had been here, we had prevailed with the British to send a 1000 men into *Connught*, and you will perceive by the inclosed from the President there, what he would expect to do if he had them. We thought it was of concernment, to let the good party at *Dublin* see how they were bought and sold; and therefore sent some Copies of the inclosed Articles to them, who made such an uproar:

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That the Lord Digby disclaimed the thing, and said, The King would not yeeld to them to save his Crown, and his life; and that if any such thing were gotten, it was procured surreptitiously; and therefore accused the Earl of Glamorgan of Treason, and accordingly he was committed the 26 of the 1. st to the Castle of Dublin. This in all appearance was done to pacifie the people; for a friend writes that he might have been released of his close imprisonment within two dayes after, if he would have acknowledged that he proceeded in it without Warrant, but he justifies the Act, and so remains a prisoner.

I have written to you several times, that the Derry cannot be secured till there be some power to displace Malignant Captains of that Regiment; and if the Scotch Commissioners should now come, the Ordinance is expired the third of this Moneth. I hope you are providing of a Deputy, who may easily cure all the distempers of this Army.

I wrote to you formerly, that I was going into Connaught, and had been gone before this, but the Frost and Snow was so great, that I could not well travel. This day, God pleased, I begin my journey, and do hope God assisting, to make it useful to the publike.

I believe a long Letter will be troublesome to you, and therefore I will not detain you longer from reading the President of Connaught, which hath in it very good news: And to conclude my self to be

Bilsast, 6. Jan. 1645.

Your humblest servant Robert King.

We shall endeavour to get 1000 to go in to Connaught, though the Money be not come.

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Prodromus Papæ.

This was sent in the Packet with the preceding Letter.

THE STYLE, AUDIENCE and SUBSTANCE of the Oration of the Pope Nuncio at Kilkenny.
Dominus Iohannes Baptista Renuccius.

Dominus Archiepiscopus & princeps Farmanus, apud Confederatos Hibernie Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi & Apostolicus Nuncios.

HAD AUDIENCE at the Castle of Kilkenny the 10. of November, 1645. where he showed his Commission, and declared the Reasons of his coming, which was onely to establish according to his power,

1. The Romane Catholike Religion.
2. To preserve their Liberties.
3. And lastly, to serve their Prince and Sovereign.

Which he did expresse with a great deal of sense and feeling in these words, *Et serenissimo vestro principi me ipsum devoveo.* Clapping his hand upon his Breast. But yet, that for their Religion they should fight & maintain it against all the world. He said High Masse in the Church of Kilkenny upon Saint Andrews day.